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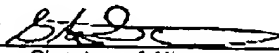
Amendment "C"

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated October 27, 2003 (Paper No. 9). The three month period for responding to the Office action expired on January 27, 2004. Applicants hereby request and petition for a one (1) month extension of time to respond, through February 27, 2004.

By this amendment, there are a total of 58 claims pending in the application (38 in excess of 20), including 4 independent claims (1 in excess of 3). Please charge the \$770 extra-claim fee and the \$110 extension of time fee to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, Order No. 33253US1.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

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All remaining claims are dependent claims, and are believed to be allowable as such. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all claims are in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this submission, or for any other reason which may expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to please contact the undersigned attorney at the phone number listed below.

If there are any additional fees not mentioned above resulting from this communication, please the charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 33253US1.

Respectfully submitted,

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